

**Notes on
The Life and Family of
JONATHAN BENJAMIN, 1738 - 1841,
Frontiersman and Revolutionary War Veteran,**

**Compiled from Local Histories
and Family Records,
with a list of some
of his descendants.**

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The following pages have been prepared for the fifty or more members of our family, and a few others, who are known to be interested in learning more about their Benjamin ancestry. In preparing them, we hope to have accomplished the two-fold purpose of providing 1) a record of the information now available on the family and 2) a systematic collection of "clues" on which future inquiries can be based.

The material to be presented has come to us from a number of sources, including genealogical and historical publications, family bibles, cemetery records, and members of the family. Special thanks are due all those who helped in its preparation, especially our more distant cousins, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Waring, Mrs. Ekstrand, and Mrs. Payette, all of whom made valuable contributions to Section IV., and Mrs. Foreman, who has so carefully preserved Hannah Benjamin's Bible.

The task of collecting, verifying, and arranging notes for a family history is a slow and painstaking process, one which only time and the work of many hands can bring to a successful end. Any and all suggestions, additions, corrections, questions, and inquiries will be gratefully accepted.

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2020 EDITION NOTE

Prior to the modern age of Google, Ancestry.com, and home DNA test kits, genealogists studying the Benjamin family ancestry invariably turned to a research work by Gloria Wall Bicha and Helen Benjamin Brown titled *The Benjamin Family in America*. This 1100+ page work, published in 1977, served as the definitive “bible” for such ancestral research. A digital copy of this work resides on the *Internet Archive* website at

<https://archive.org/details/benjaminfamilyin00bich/page/n3/mode/2up>

Far less known than Bicha and Brown’s immense work was a 49-page research paper that had been completed 34 years earlier by Robert Benjamin Kilduff, himself a descendant of the early Benjamins in America. Rather than covering the full scope of Benjamin family genealogy, Kilduff’s *Notes on the Life and Family of Jonathan Benjamin, 1738 - 1841* focused instead on the Benjamins of the 18th and 19th Centuries, who moved west from New York into largely unsettled portions of Pennsylvania and (later) Ohio. Kilduff’s research brought forth stories of adventure, struggle, and death for these intrepid settlers, whose names included the Benjamins, Fords, Joneses, and Browns.

I am also a descendant of these early Benjamins. In early 2020, I created this digital version of Kilduff’s work to improve its readability and equip it with a few modern e-book conveniences such as text searching and intra-document links from its Table of Contents. By doing this, I hoped to make Kilduff’s work an even better (and perhaps better known) resource for 21st century genealogists. Alongside these improvements, however, I still maintained the original page numbers of Kilduff’s work. On those pages where Kilduff’s text ended before my line did, I inserted arrows to indicate that. → → →

I owe a debt of gratitude to this work’s original author, Robert Benjamin Kilduff (1910-1963), whose research years ago unearthed a family history far more engaging than I had imagined possible. I’d also like to express my gratitude to my uncle and family genealogist, Roland Benjamin, who not only provided me with his copy of Kilduff’s work, but served as the impetus for my interest in genealogy and family history.

Perhaps this new version of Kilduff’s work will provide genealogists with a few of those “clues on which future inquiries can be based” that R. B. Kilduff described in his original Introductory Note. Whether you’re familiar with the historical events described in these pages or reading them for the first time, I hope you enjoy it and celebrate your — or perhaps OUR — ancestry!

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SECTION I



LOCAL HISTORY

L I C K I N G C O U N T Y , O H I O

“The first permanent white settlement . . of Licking County was effected in 1798 by Elias Hughes and John Ratliff. . .” ¹

“The two families of Hughes and Ratliff and that of a man named John Carpenter . . were the sole occupants of the territory now constituting this county at the close of the last century. Early in the spring of the opening year (1800) of the present century, three more families, Greens, Pitzers, and Van Buskirks, were added to the number. In August, Isaac Stadden and family came, making the seventh; and in September, Capt. Samuel Elliott and family arrived, constituting the eighth. The marriage of Colonel John Stadden and Betsey, daughter of . . Green, which took place on Christmas Day, 1800 made the ninth family, which was the whole number in this territory when the year closed. . .”

“In November or early December, 1800, Isaac Stadden went out to hunt deer above the ‘Old Fort’ on Ramp Creek. There, toward evening, in a dense forest, he met JOHN JONES, PHINEAS FORD, FREDERICK FORD, BENONI BENJAMIN, and a Mr. Denner. Jones and the Fords were married to the sisters of Benjamin. Jones was of Welsh extraction, born in New Jersey, but had lived in the same neighborhood with Mr. Stadden in Pennsylvania, where they had been schoolmates. . . Neither had seen the other for many years, and had known nothing of their intervening histories or whereabouts. The romantic interest of such a meeting . . may be imagined. . . The Fords were Yankees, and Benjamin, a Pennsylvanian, and all became prominent pioneer settlers.” ²

“There is a discrepancy in the statements regarding the time of this meeting. . . Capt. Munson, from whose paper a part of the history of Granville Township is taken, says the meeting took place in the spring of 1800, while Mrs. Stadden, wife of Isaac Stadden, says . . . (it) took place in the fall of 1800, and that the wives of these gentlemen . . were not with them at the time, but that they were prospecting in this valley with a view to settlement, and did settle here in the spring of 1801.”

“It is impossible at this late date (1881) to reconcile these conflicting statements, but a close study of all the circumstances . . would seem to place the weight of evidence in favor of Mrs. Stadden’s statement. . .” ³

“. . . The Fords were originally from Connecticut, and Benjamin was born (in 1771) in Northampton ⁴ County, Pennsylvania. His father, JONATHAN BENJAMIN, who followed him to Licking County about two years later, was born in the same decade with Washington, and was thirty-eight years old at the Declaration of Independence. During the Revolution, in order to protect his family from Indians, he moved (them) to the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland. At the

¹ Hill, Norman N., Jr. *History of Licking County, Ohio*, p. 248.

² Ibid., pp. 215-218.

³ Ibid., p. 429.

⁴ Or Northumberland County?

close of the war ¹ he returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until the spring of 1793, ² when he removed to the Virginia side of the Ohio River, nearly opposite Marietta. Here Jones and the Ford brothers married . . . three (of his) daughters.” ³

“In the spring of 1799, these men, with their brother-in-law Benoni Benjamin, went out to the Scioto, where they planted and raised a crop, and returning in the fall, moved their families there. In November, 1800, . . . they traveled up the Scioto to where Circleville now stands, and from there followed an Indian trail through Fairfield County in the direction of Licking. . .”

“Before coming here, . . . (the) party had been offered what were termed donation lots by the agents of General Dayton, a large landholder in the territory now comprising Licking County. These lots were. . . located on Ramp Creek, a stream which ran out in side-cuts or bayous, forming little swamps . . . These, to Jones, foreboded agues . . . and he . . . refused to make the stipulated settlement. . .”

“Jones led his party across the middle fork, searching out one of the many springs . . . that skirt the base of the hills. . . On lot number two of the Granville purchase, some ten rods from the foot of the hill, and some twenty rods from the present (Granville-Newark Road), he made the first settlement within the present limits of Granville Township.”

“Some years before this, a hurricane had passed over this valley, taking down the primeval timber, and at the time of settlement the country was timbered with a second growth. . . Of these trees, Jones built his cabin. By the last days of April, (1801) . . . the logs had been cut, and the men, assisted by their wives, raised the first white man’s cabin in Granville Township. Jones moved into this cabin, and the entire party remained with him until cabins had been erected on each of the locations selected. The Fords built on Ramp Creek, near Union Station ⁴ (in Union Township), and Benjamin farther down on that stream, within the present limits of Newark Township. . .”

“On the first of October, 1802, Mrs. Jones gave birth to the first white child born in Granville Township, and on the twenty-second day of the same month . . . died of puerperal fever, aged twenty-eight years. This was the first death of a white person in Granville Township . . . Jones, after the death of his wife, sold his cabin and improvements to one Nash, and removed to the mouth of Fishing Creek, below Wheeling, where he married a second time. . . Mr. Jones died in October, 1851, after raising a family at the mouth of Fishing Creek.” ⁵

¹ He had served four years in the Pennsylvania Militia. See page 15.

² Or 1798? See page 5.

³ Of these three marriages, only one is known definitively to have occurred here.
See footnote on page 7.

⁴ Now Kylesburg, Ohio.

⁵ Hill, pp. 428-430.

“JONATHAN BENJAMIN, the father of Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ford, and Benoni Benjamin, moved to Auter Creek ¹ with his family in the spring of 1802, and settled on a 50 acre donation lot joining that of his son-in-law, Ford. This lot was first occupied by John Horned. There were several families of the Benjamins who moved from the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania in 1795 and settled at, or near, Marietta, but Jonathan was not one of them. He came there with his son-in-law, Ford, in 1798. Jonathan Benjamin was in some respects an extraordinary man. He was a person of rather coarse features, but of strong muscular powers, with a still stronger will. He was very determined in all his undertakings, and of an unforgiving temperament. Having passed through the French and Indian Wars, and through the War of the Revolution, and having suffered much and long by Indian depredations, both in the loss of friends and property, the finer feelings of his nature had become blunted to such an extent that he seemed to have lost most of his sympathy for his fellow man. Still he was a man of religious habits and of good morals, but was generally considered to be a man that was naturally morose and unsociable, and was not known through life to have expressed his forgiveness of the Indian race. He was not a reading man, hence what time he gave to social intercourse with neighbors was given to the relation of personal experiences or to business matters. He was a soldier, or frontiersman, most of his life. It was not until he was about eighty years old that he consented to settle himself for the balance of his life. He bought in the woods and cleared up his last farm after he was seventy-eight years old. Notwithstanding this life of hardships, the iron constitution of himself and his excellent wife sustained them to a great age. Mrs. Benjamin possessed social qualities that in great measure compensated for lack of them in her husband. They lived together as man and wife for nearly eighty years, ² and raised a family of seven daughters ³ and one son, all of whom lived to raise families of their own, and most of them large families. It is difficult to trace his family through all their meanderings, but Jonathan Benjamin was born in the year 1738, probably in the state of New York. There is a family tradition that he was born, raised, and married in New York, ⁴ then moved to Pennsylvania and settled on the Susquehanna River, and from thence into Maryland, and from Maryland to Wheeling, Virginia, thence to Marietta in 1798, and to Licking in 1802. Their appearance and dialect was of the Knickerbocker class of New York in former years, and they moved from either New York or New Jersey to Pennsylvania soon after their marriage. There is no doubt among his friends that he entered the military service at the age of fourteen years, and served through the war, but they cannot tell what war. It must have been some Indian campaign, as the French war did not commence for some two years later. He also served in the War of the Revolution, for which he drew a pension ⁵ → → → →

¹ Sometimes called Ramp Creek.

² Nearly seventy-seven years.

³ There is record of only five daughters.

⁴ He may have married in Orange County, New York. See pages 11-12.

⁵ See pension records on page 15.

until his death; and some of his grandchildren still have some continental money which they claim was paid him for wages while in the army. . . In the year 1802, he settled on a fifty acre lot of land that corners within a few rods of where Union Station now is. Here he remained until 1816, when he sold his land to James Holmes, Jr., and bought again one mile further west, where he continued to reside till his death at the age of one hundred and three years.”¹

“DAVID BENJAMIN was the son of David and Elizabeth Benjamin, and a nephew of Jonathan Benjamin. He was born on the Susquehanna River² in Pennsylvania in 1767; but, as was the case with Jonathan, the family records have all been burned by the Indians, and the exact date of his birth cannot be given. At this time, the Indians were quite restless, and sought every opportunity to commit depredations upon frontiersmen. At the commencement of the Revolution, they had become so troublesome in that part of the country that several of the Benjamin families and a few others, for mutual protection, had erected a block-house and a small fort, where they had kept their families for some time, they knowing that a band of Indians was lurking around them; but while thus combined and protected, the Indians did not dare to attack them, and the whites supposed they had given the matter up and left. In this vain confidence, one pleasant Sunday in the month of May, 1775, they sallied out to their respective cabins to look at their gardens &c. While thus divided, the Indians, who had been lying in ambush waiting for such an opportunity, rushed upon them and made prisoners of David Benjamin and his family, including his wife and six children, with some others. In this melee, Jonathan Benjamin and his family escaped with their lives by being on the opposite side of the river. David Benjamin, feeling provoked at . . . being taken prisoner before he was disarmed, raised his rifle and shot an Indian, who . . . was supposed to be killed. For this, a few minutes after, he was killed by an Indian with his tomahawk³ . . . For this, the chief expressed sorrow when he found his brother was not killed but only had his arm broken. Our hero, David Benjamin, Jr., was the second eldest of this family of children taken prisoners, and who, with their mother, were hurried away into hopeless captivity as soon as their houses were pillaged and burned. They were probably taken into western New York, as David’s children say their grandmother often told them that they were close to the Canada line, but not in Canada. This family remained prisoners for seven years, until the end of the war. One or two of the children having become so accustomed to Indian life, and nearly lost their knowledge of → →

¹ Hill, p. 602.

² If the reference here is to Northumberland County, then David probably was born elsewhere. Northumberland County was not opened for settlement till the spring of 1769.

³ Since David’s name appears on a petition dated December 2, 1777, his death could not have occurred in May, 1775. Another account of this affair gives May 24, 1778 as the date (see page 12), while a third source suggests May 31, 1778 (see page 19).

the English language, refused to return to civilized life; among whom was David's only sister, who, after she had married among the Indians and had two children, was recaptured by the whites near the Niagara Falls, but was so much dissatisfied with civilized life that she returned to the Indians and was never again heard of by her friends. ¹ Among those who did return were David and two brothers, and their mother, who lived to a great age and died in Hocking County, Ohio. . . . After their return, they remained on the Susquehanna until David married in the year 1795, when he, with his mother and one or more brothers ² moved to the Northwest Territory, near the mouth of the Muskingum River. Here they remained about four years, when they moved about twenty miles from Marietta, probably in the northeast corner of Athens County. There they remained until May, 1805 or 1806, when they settled on the farm where Union Station now stands, and where David died on the seventeenth of July, 1834, aged sixty-seven years, and where his wife died in 1835, supposed to be sixty-eight years old. ³ David Benjamin was a frontiersman all his life, and so much of his youth having been spent among savages, he grew up without education or much knowledge of the refinements of fashionable society, but he was a peaceable and kindhearted citizen. He was cheerful, quite sociable, and very industrious. Although he often said he never could forgive the Indian race for the wrongs that he had suffered, still when a friendly Indian called at his door for bread, he never would turn him away till he supplied his wants. But when this was done, he would at once request him to leave. He seemed to fear that the remembrance of his wrongs would overcome his feelings of humanity, hence he would not suffer them to remain where they would be likely to tempt him, or excite his feelings of revenge. For some cause he entirely laid aside the use of a gun and for many years kept none of his own. He raised a family of three sons and four daughters." ⁴

"PHINEAS FORD was born November 1, 1772 and was the son of Thomas and Hannah Ford of Farmington, Connecticut. He was married to Mary Benjamin on April 5, 1796." ⁵

"They, with the families of John Jones, Frederick Ford, and Benoni Benjamin, placed all their effects on a flat-boat and left the mouth of the Muskingum in September, 1799. They floated down the → → → →

¹ Only the sister remained with the Indians. All five of the brothers were listed in the Census of 1790 as living with their mother in Muncy Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

² Ezekiel and Daniel Benjamin? See page 13.

³ This statement is open to question. The "Elizabeth, wife of David Benjamin" who died in 1835 at the age of 101 years must have been the mother of David Benjamin, Jr.

⁴ Hill, p. 603.

⁵ Mary Benjamin and Phineas Ford were married April 5, 1798 in Washington County, Ohio. *See Marriage Records, 1789-1822, Washington County, Ohio. The Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. 3, p. 132.*

Ohio to the mouth of the Scioto, thence up the Scioto to a settlement about where Circleville now stands. Here they stopped and wintered with some friends who had preceded them, and raised a crop. In the spring of 1801, as soon as the ice had left the river, Phineas Ford and John Jones, with their families, and Frederick Ford. . . as assistant, but without his family, again started with their boat up the river for Franklinton, then the first white settlement on the Scioto above Circleville.”

“They reached Franklinton the last of March and landed, where Columbus now stands, in an unbroken forest. Their team and other things were taken from the boat and rigged on land. By the aid of a pocket compass and a map of this part of the Ohio Company’s land, they started for the Auter Creek branch of the Licking River. . . After passing through various dangerous . . incidents, they reached their destination April 7, 1801 and Phineas Ford, with his wife and two daughters, set his stakes on the banks of Auter Creek, about one hundred and twenty rods above where Union Station on the Central Ohio Railroad now stands. Here, by the aid of his wife and brother, he erected a small cabin and covered it with bark. He made the door for his cabin by interlacing small poles together with hickory bark.”

“By this time, their stock of provisions was nearly exhausted, and Phineas Ford, with his brother Frederick Ford, left Mrs. Ford with her two little girls at this lonely spot in the wilderness and returned to the settlement on the Scioto to obtain bread. . . He was detained by high water and was absent eleven days. During this time, Mrs. Ford did not see the face of a single human being besides her little children . . On the eleventh day, her provisions had become exhausted, and, with a degree of bravery that bordered on desperation, she started through a trackless wilderness to find the cabin of her sister, Mrs. Lilly Jones, some four miles distant on Raccoon Creek. The forests were alive with wild beasts, and but little less wild Indians, some of whom were not friendly to the white settlers. After wandering all day with her little children, just at night, wearied and forlorn and near to the cabin of her sister, she met her husband, safely returning with supplies for their immediate wants.”

“Phineas Ford and his brother had come to the Licking Valley on a proposition from the agent of some eastern land holders to donate fifty acres of land to each family, on condition of their occupying and improving it for a term of years, and encouraging a settlement. . . Phineas Ford at once went to work to improve the land that continued to be his home till his death, April 7, 1839, thirty-eight years to the day from the time he built his first campfire on that fifty acre lot. Mrs. Ford continued to occupy it nearly sixty-three years. Mr. Ford’s New England education and taste induced him to . . provide for an orchard of fruit trees by planting seeds that he had brought with him; and some of the first apple trees planted in Granville were taken from Phineas Ford’s nursery. On this place, Mr. Ford claimed to have sowed the first bushel of wheat that was sown in Licking County. He carried the seed on his own back from the vicinity of Lancaster. From this bushel of seed he raised thirty-six bushels of wheat, only five bushels of which were → → → →

used for bread. The balance was sold to the settlers for seed.”

“Here Thomas, the third child of Phineas and Mary Ford was born, August 1, 1802 and was probably the third white child born within the present limits of Licking County. . .”

“Phineas Ford was a man somewhat eccentric in some respects, but brave, self-relying, and persevering; a good neighbor, a pleasant social companion, a little reserved, but very affable and courteous in his manners toward others. In short, he was a good type of the New England gentleman, without his inquisitiveness, but was apt in his jokes and full of fun. He was a pretty good farmer and an ingenious mechanic who could make anything he would undertake or wanted for his own use, from a horseshoe nail to a flouring mill with all its internal organism. He was full of resources to overcome difficulties, and being a stranger to despondency, he possessed all the characteristics of a first class pioneer. Mrs. Ford was a very skillful woman among the sick . . and saved her neighbors many doctor’s bills. Her knee was dislocated by a fall from a horse, and . . she recovered with a stiff knee, which left her a cripple the last fifty years of her life. She died in the fall of 1863, in the eighty-seventh year of her age and the sixty-third year of her residence in Union Township.” ¹

“The first mill in Union Township was built by Phineas Ford in 1803 on Auter Creek, some forty rods below where his first cabin was erected. It was a small temporary log building; the millwright work, as well as the mill iron and the millstones — which were made from boulders, or nigger-heads, found on the surface of the ground — was all done by Mr. Ford himself. This mill was in a few years swept away by a flood. The millstones remain on the farm. . . a relic of antiquity.”

“. . . In the year 1820, Joseph Mantonya erected water works on Auter Creek, a little above the site of the old Ford mill. . . In a few years, perhaps in the year 1835, it was sold to Phineas and his son Benjamin, who converted it into a sawmill. . .” ²

“The first school is said to have been taught in the neighborhood of David Beaver’s in the year 1805. . . The next, of which there is any account, was taught in the Benjamin settlement . . in 1809 or 1810. . . In 1815, this part of Union and the southeast part of Granville united and built a schoolhouse on what is now the McMillen farm . . (In 1818), the territory was again divided, and the Union portion erected a schoolhouse on Auter Creek. Miss Hannah Ford — now Mrs. Benjamin of Iowa — taught one or two terms.” ³

“The people on Auter Creek for many years attended meetings at Mr. Nash’s within the bounds of Granville Township, but soon after the War of 1812, a society ⁴ was formed at the house of John Park, → → → →

¹ Hill, pp. 601-602.

² Ibid., p. 598.

³ Ibid., p. 599.

⁴ A Methodist society.

and John Black ¹ was appointed class leader. This continued to be a regular preaching place until the erection of Park Chapel in 1840-1. . .” ²

“Licking County was organized in 1808. In 1875, the old courthouse was burned and in 1879 fire destroyed the upper story of the new structure, hence the . . belief that all the marriage records had been destroyed. Three volumes escaped the flames. . . Vol. I. . . a thin little book containing a hundred and nine entries. . . (and) Vols. II. and III. . .” ³

Marriages in Licking County during the years 1808-1821, which is the period covered by these records, included: JANE BENJAMIN and Isaac Ingman on March 8, 1808; ⁴ MARY BENJAMIN and John Vankirk on February 15, 1818; ⁵ and REBECCA BENJAMIN and Peter Gaich (Geach) on September 29, 1818. ⁶

JOB BENJAMIN enlisted November 5, 1861 as a private in Co. C, 76th Regt., Ohio Volunteer Infantry, recruited from Licking County to serve in the Civil War. ⁷

“Fairfield County was first organized in 1800. . . At that time it embraced nearly all the present counties of Licking and Knox . . with portions of Perry, Hocking, and Pickaway. . .” ⁸ Taxpayers in Licking Township, Fairfield County, in the year 1806 included a Mr. BENJAMIN, an I. BENJAMIN, and PHINEAS FORD. ⁹

¹ Jonathan Benjamin’s son-in-law.

² Hill, p. 599.

³ *Marriage Records, Licking County, Ohio. The Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly*, Vol. 12, p. 206.

⁴ Ibid., p. 207.

⁵ Ibid., p. 216.

⁶ Ibid., Vol. 13, p. 47.

⁷ Hill, p. 322.

⁸ Scott, Hervey, *History of Fairfield County, Ohio*, p. 3.

⁹ Ibid., pp. 43-44.

FRANKLIN & DELAWARE COUNTIES, OHIO

“The first settlement of Perry Township (Franklin County) began on the eastern side, which had an attraction to the early comers, from the fact that a community of a good class had early settled at Worthington, in the adjoining township of Sharon. Following closely on this was the settlement on the Scioto River, near the present town of Dublin. The first settlers on the east were EZEKIEL and MORRIS BROWN, ¹ who located near the present Elmwood station. They made improvements on the land, and in 1806, Ezekiel sold his land to Bela M. Tuller. . . Morris Brown sold his property some years later to Chandler Rogers. . .” ²

“In 1808, the Hon. EZEKIEL BROWN, one . . . of Delaware County’s early settlers, came to Berkshire (Township) and settled on land east and a little north of where Galena now is. Mr. Brown . . . came from Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, where he had been elected to Congress for one or two terms. His native place, however, was in Orange County, New York, where he was born March 13, 1760. In 1776, he enlisted in the Revolutionary army, and . . . under Washington . . . participated in several engagements. Some two years later, while on a furlough to visit his home, then in . . . Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, he was . . . captured by . . . Indians. The incident, as related by his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Leonard, is as follows: There had been numerous Indian alarms, and the people had . . . betaken themselves to a strong, hewed-log cabin. . . Here they awaited the onset of the savages, but in vain. The Indians . . . kept secreted in the neighborhood for days, until the settlers, lulled into a false feeling of security, sallied forth to their homes. . . No sooner did the savages see their plans succeeding, than, rushing in upon the unsuspecting and defenseless settlers, they commenced their work of butchery. Brown’s father and mother were ruthlessly murdered, and himself and a sister ³ with her seven children were carried off into Indian captivity. It was some mitigation of their situation that they were in the same band, but this was not suffered . . . to continue. The mother was separated from her children, and the children from each other. Meanwhile, Brown was forced to pass through the forms preceding adoption into the tribe. Three times during his journey to the main town of the Cayugas, near where Scipio, New York now stands, was he forced to run the gauntlet. The first time he received a severe wound from a tomahawk; the second time, less fortunate, he received a terrible blow from a war club, which felled him to the ground in a fearfully mangled condition. His life seemed ended, but, finally recovering, he proceeded to the destination of his captors, where, after another trial, he passed through the fearful ordeal unharmed, and was adopted by a family who had lost a son in the war. He was afterward taken to Canada, where he found his sister and got clue of her children. Here he managed to get into the employ of a trader, and soon bought his freedom, but the ties of kindred were too strong for him to leave his sister in captivity. He at once set about → →

¹ Jonathan Benjamin’s brother-in-law.

² *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio*, p. 376.

³ Elizabeth, wife of David Benjamin. See page 6.

securing her release and that of her seven children. Through his efforts, she was enabled to purchase her own ransom, while Mr. Brown bent all his efforts toward the release of the children. One by one they had been secured until all save the second child, a boy of twelve or fourteen years. It was nearing the time when he hoped to return to his friends, that he learned a party of Indians with the boy was about to start for a distant point to hunt. If this should occur, he despaired of ever seeing the child again and determined to kidnap the boy. Calling the Indians into the trader's cabin, he treated them with the strongest potations at his command. When they were drunk, he pushed the Indians out and the boy within, and barring the door, awaited the issue. This summary treatment was not relished by the savage lords of the forest, and they resented it by sundry kicks and more forcible attacks upon the door. There was no sign of yielding, and, as any other more forcible measures were deemed useless, they . . left the boy behind. But the difficulty was not so easily surmounted. The lad had become enamored with the wild life of the woods and longed to be with his Indian friends. One day, when let out to play, his boy companion was instructed to watch him. He soon came rushing in saying that Nathan was going after the Indians. Mr. Brown, hastily going to the door, saw the boy a half a mile away, running with all his strength to regain his friends gone days before. With a sinking heart, almost in despair, he threw off his coat and started in pursuit. The boy was finally recaptured, and with his whole family, returned in 1783 ¹ to their friends in Pennsylvania. Seven years later, Mr. Brown came to Ohio, and in 1808 came to Berkshire Township, where he died April 24, 1840. . .” ²

“Hon. EZEKIEL BROWN was born in Orange County, New York in 1760, and moved to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania when about ten years old. In 1776, he volunteered and marched to join Washington's army, which he reached just after the Battle of Trenton. He participated in four different engagements, and in 1778 joined a company of rangers called out against the Indians. On the 24th of May, when out scouting with two others, they came across a party of fifteen Indians raiding a house, and were discovered at the same moment. The Indians fired and killed one man, and Brown and his comrade instantly returned the fire, wounding an Indian, and then fled. The other escaped, but he was not fleet enough and was captured. They were Delaware and Cayugas and first took him to Chemung, an Indian town on the Tioga River, where he had to run the gauntlet, being badly beaten, and received a severe wound on his head from a tomahawk, but he succeeded in reaching the council-house without being knocked down. After a few days, they resumed their march to the north and met a large party of British, tories and Indians, on their way to attack Wyoming, and he was compelled to run the gauntlet again to gratify the savages. This time, he did not get through, being felled by a war-club and grievously mangled. He recovered and proceeded on to the Indian town of the Cayugas, where Scipio, New York now → → →

¹ Or 1785?

² *History of Delaware County, Ohio*, pp. 432-433.

stands, and having passed the gauntlet ordeal successfully, he was adopted by a family, in place of a son killed at Fort Stanwix. Afterwards, he was taken to Canada, and kept to the close of the war in 1783, when he received a passport from the British general McClure and returned after an absence of five years to his friends in Pennsylvania. . .” ¹

MORRIS BROWN, lister of Liberty Township, Franklin County, Ohio, received \$8.22 for services as lister in September, 1803. ²

“ . . . to indicate who were residing in the vicinity of Franklinton or in the territory which Franklin County embraced in the years of 1804, 1805, 1806, and 1807, a list of names is taken from the records of those who received the bounty of two dollars from the county treasury for heads or scalps of wolves or panthers. In the year 1804, . . . EZEKIEL BROWN, . . . MORRIS BROWN. . . In the year 1805, . . . DANIEL BENJAMIN. . .” ³

EZEKIEL BROWN was elected County Commissioner of Franklin County in October, 1805. In June, 1807, he was appointed viewer of a road in the same county. ⁴

Pvt. EZEKIEL BENJAMIN, Washington Township, Franklin County was on the muster roll for Battalion Muster at Worthington, Ohio on May 27, 1808. ⁵

On February 3, 1810, “At a general meeting of the citizens of Worthington and its vicinity, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions toward erecting a State House in the said town. . . Major James Kilbourne was unanimously chosen agent to present the address adopted by the meeting to the . . General Assembly, and also to tender to the government, on behalf of said citizens, their proposed contributions for the purpose aforesaid.” Among the one hundred and thirty-three subscribers were EZEKIEL BROWN and DANIEL BENJAMIN, who pledged \$50 each, and EZEKIEL BENJAMIN, who pledged \$25. ⁶

DANIEL BENJAMIN enlisted April 27, 1813 as a private in Capt. George Sanderson’s Company, recruited from Franklin, Fairfield, and → →

¹ Howe, Henry, *Historical Collections of Ohio*, p. 572.

² The “Old Northwest” *Genealogical Quarterly*, Vol. 6, p. 90.

³ Ibid., Vol. 7, pp. 192-193.

⁴ Ibid., pp. 190 and 192.

⁵ Ibid., Vol. 6, p. 153.

⁶ Ibid., Vol. 15, pp. 84-85.

Delaware counties, to serve in the War of 1812. ¹

“I do hereby certify by Virtue of a marriage license Issued by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Franklin County bearing date the 15th of August 1803 Authorizing any minister of the gospel Legally Authorized to Celebrate Marriages throught (*sic*) the State or to any justice of the peace for said County . . .

I did on the . . . day of August aforesaid in my official as a majestrate (*sic*) perform the marriage Ceremony Between John Overdeer and Martha Brown both of Franklin township and thereby announced them man and wife. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of October, Anno Domini 1803.

(Signed)

EZEKIEL BROWN” ²

¹ *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio*, pp. 106-107.

² The “Old Northwest” Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. 1, p. 38.

WAR AND PENSION RECORDS

“BENJAMIN, JONATHAN, (Licking Co.) Enl. January 1776 as Pvt. in Col. Long’s Regt., Lycoming Co., Pa. Served 4 years and 6 months. Born 1738 in New York. . . Children: Lillie, Mary, Jemima, Jane, Benoni. Died Aug. 26, 1841. Buried Old Cemetery, Granville, Ohio. . .” ¹

“JONATHAN BENJAMIN (1738-1841) received a pension for service as private under Captain Newman and Hepburn, Col. Long’s Pennsylvania regiment. He was born in New York; died in Licking County, Ohio.” ²

“. . . Names of Pennsylvanians in the State of Ohio Who have been Inscribed on the Pension List Under the Act of Congress, Passed the 7th day of June, 1832: Licking County . . JONATHAN BENJAMIN, private, Pennsylvania Militia. July 25, 1833. . .” ³

“BROWN, EZEKIEL, (Delaware Co.) Pvt. under Col. James Potter, Capt. Cocksey Long’s Pa. Troops, Bur Sunbury. . . Pensioned. . .” ⁴

“EZEKIEL BROWN (1760-1841) served as private and spy under Captain Long and Hayburn, Colonels Potter and Morrow, Pennsylvania Line. Born Orange County, N.Y.; died in Galena, Ohio.” ⁵

¹ *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Ohio*, Vol. 1, p. 37.

² *Daughters of the American Revolution, Lineage Book*, Vol. 99, p. 217.

³ *Pennsylvania Archives*, 3rd Series, Vol. 23, p. 588.

⁴ *Official Roster*, Vol. 1, p. 54.

⁵ *Lineage Book*, Vol. 95, p. 265.

LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

“The first purchase made by the Proprietary Government of Pennsylvania, which opened for settlement any part of the territory now embraced within the limits of Lycoming County, was concluded at Ft. Stanwix, (the present site of Rome, N.Y.) on November 5th, 1768. Previous to this date, the valley had been occupied by fragmentary tribes of Indians . . . remnants of the once-powerful Shawnees and Delawares, the Nanticokes and Conoys, and the Monseys and Mohicans.”

“. . . an allotment of one hundred and four thousand acres was made to the officers of the various commands, who had served in the Indian campaigns, and residue was open for purchase at five pounds per hundred acres, and one penny an acre quit-rent. . .” ¹

“The first settlements in Loyalsock ² were made, very soon after the purchase of 1768 by . . . Peter Smith, the Crownhovens, and Mr. Brown, who with his family, suffered death by burning rather than expose themselves to the brutality of the savages in the summer of 1778. . .” ³

“The assessment returns show that there were one hundred and eight taxable inhabitants in the township of Muncy in 1773 . . .” Among those who paid taxes for this year were DANIEL BROWN, DAVID BENJAMIN, and JONATHAN BENJAMIN.” ⁴

In May, 1778 ⁵ “. . . a band of hostile savages appeared on the Loyalsock and committed an atrocious outrage. DANIEL BROWN was among the earliest settlers in this part of the country. He had two daughters married to two brothers named BENJAMIN, and they lived near the cabin of their father-in-law. On the alarm of the approach of the Indians, the Benjamins, with their families, fled to the residence of Mr. Brown ⁶ and made preparations to defend themselves. The Indians made an attack on the house but met with a stout resistance, which was kept up for some time. During the fight, an Indian was killed by a shot from a gun in the hands of one of the Benjamins. This greatly enraged the assailants and finding they could not dislodge the besieged, they managed to set fire to the house. The flames made rapid headway and a horrible death stared the inmates in the face if they remained inside. What was to be done? Remain inside and be consumed, or come forth to be dispatched by the tomahawks of the savages? Either alternative was a fearful one.”

“The Benjamins finally decided to come forth and trust . . . to the mercy of their foes. Brown refused and remaining inside with → → →

¹ *History of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania*, p. 3.

² Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County originally was part of Muncy Township, Northumberland County.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 93.

⁴ *Ibid.*, pp. 5-6.

⁵ On May 24th or 31st. See footnote on page 6.

⁶ Only one brother, David, with his family, took refuge in the Brown cabin. Jonathan and family were at their own cabin on the opposite side of Loyalsock Creek, and thus escaped capture.

his wife and one daughter, all three were consumed. When the Benjamins emerged from the door, one of them carried his youngest child in his arms. A burly savage brandished his tomahawk and with a fiendish yell buried the glittering steel in the brain of Benjamin. As he fell, his wife, who was by his side, shrieked and caught the child in her arms. His scalp was quickly torn from his head and exultingly shaken in her face. The remainder of the survivors were seized and carried into captivity. This horrible tragedy occurred on what was long known as the Buckley Farm on Loyalsock.”

“The Benjamin families lived a few miles northeast of Williamsport. Three brothers ¹ and a small sister were taken prisoners. Their names were WILLIAM, NATHAN, and EZEKIEL. The name of the one who was killed is not known, ² and the name of the sister has been lost. After a few years, the captured boys were released and returned. The young sister grew up among the Indians, married, and had several children. Long after peace was made, the brother William went after her and induced her to return. She remained here for some time, but being always discontented and unhappy, she was permitted to return to her Indian comrades. What became of the widow of Benjamin, the meager accounts of the affair do not inform us, but it is possible that she was soon afterwards released.” ³

“WILLIAM BENJAMIN, farmer, 32, and Nancy, his wife, 36,” were among the taxable inhabitants living in Loyalsock Township in 1800. ⁴ William had been assistant assessor of the township in 1796-8, and assessor in 1799. ⁵

¹ There were five brothers: William, Nathan, Ezekiel, David Jr., and one other whose name may have been Daniel. See pages 13-14. Presumably all five were captured by the Indians.

² David Benjamin, Sr. was killed.

³ Meginess, John. *History of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania*, pp. 109-10.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 245.

⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 228 and 614.

**“THE MEMORIAL ¹ AND PETITIONS OF THE INHABITANTS OF MUNCY TOWNSHIP IN
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY IN THIS STATE HUMBLY SHEWETH:”**

“That WHEREAS, The General Assembly of this state was pleased to pass an act for revising and putting into force such and so much of the ancient laws of the Commonwealth as was agreeable to and consistent with our present Constitution and for establishing courts of justice within the same, and passed an act for electing magistrates in the several townships in this State, in pursuance of which a number of the inhabitants of this township met and elected two persons for justice of the peace, viz.: Messrs. Mordecai McKinney and Andrew Culbertson, each having thirty-six votes; but as said election was opposed by about fourteen designing persons, who had a separate election and made return of the same, and both returns being presented to your Honors, we were thereupon informed that you were pleased to order us to hold a new election, which we accordingly did and again elected the same two gentlemen, Mordecai McKinney and Andrew Culbertson, the former having forty and the latter forty-eight votes, and made return.”

“We likewise at the same time sent down a petition to your Honors signed by a great number of the inhabitants ² of our township setting forth the situation of the township on account of waters and other inconveniences, and craving that both the persons chosen might be commissioned, as they live one at or near each end of the township, as more fully set forth in said petition.”

“But we are well convinced that the approach of the enemy to our Metropolis (Lancaster), where your Honors were then sitting, must of consequence put the House into great hurry and confusion, which we are satisfied has been the reason that our petition has been either postponed or neglected.”

“The inconveniences we labor under at present is very great, having no magistrate near us on any side, and though we are content to bear our part of hardship of whatever kind in the time of public calamity, yet we beg that your Wisdoms would be pleased to grant us relief as speedily as possible by granting us the prayer of our petitions, etc.”

“That all our trouble may end in prosperity and peace; that government may prosper in your hands, and truth and justice flourish apace, is the earnest desire and prayer of Muncy township.”

¹ Dated December 2, 1777 and signed by twenty-eight inhabitants, including Jonathan and David Benjamin. See Meginnis, John F., *History of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania*, pp. 111-112.

² Among them Daniel Brown. This petition was dated August 21, 1777. See *Ibid.*, p. 112.

“MEMORIAL ¹ OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE WEST BRANCH.”

“To the Hon’ble the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania:”

“The Remonstrance of Sundry the Distressed Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland Inhabiting the West Branch of the River Susquehanna above Muncy Hill. Humbly Sheweth: That the Repeated Depredations and Horrid Murders lately Committed upon the Innocent and Peaceable Inhabitants amongst us within a few weeks past is truly alarming. The Melancholy Event of the 31st of May upon Loyalsock creek ² obliged us to leave our homes and Livings and to Assemble together in large Bodys in order to Protect our wives and Infant Children from becoming the Victims of savage fury, in full faith and Confidence that we should shortly meet with such succor as would enable us to make a vigorous Stand, that we have since frequently apply’d to the Lieutenant of the County for aid, who after using his best Endeavors has not been able to furnish us with more than Seventy-three Troups of the Militia of this County to cover a Frontier of at least Forty miles in length. This supply we apprehend to be of very little use, especially as their times will be out in the midst of Harvest, and should anything more happen in the meanwhile, we are convinced that it will be impossible to call out the Militia of this County at any rate; that those considerations together with the very alarming event of the Murder and Captivity of thirteen of our near Neighbors and most Intimate Acquaintances this day has nearly Drove the Majority of us to Desperation, and to pray that you in your Wisdom will not only order to our immediate relief such Standing forces as will be equal to our necessity; but that you will order such Magazines and Stores of Provisions to be Provided as will convince the good People of this Place that such Troups are to be stationed amongst them During the War. Nothing short of your Immediate assurance of this, we are Convinced, will induce the People to run the further risk of being obliged to move away at a more Unfavorable Season.”

“Therefore in consideration of the premises, we beg leave to submit ourselves and Familys to your Care and Protection, not Doubting but you will order us such relief as you in your wisdom may seem meet.”

¹ Dated June 10, 1778, and signed by one hundred and forty-three inhabitants, including Jonathan Benjamin. See *Pennsylvania Archives*, 2nd Series, Vol. 3, pp. 176-178.

² This may refer to the Brown-Benjamin tragedy. See pages 6 and 11.

TAX RETURNS ¹ FOR MUNCY TOWNSHIP, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Daniel Brown:

1778-80	State Tax		valuation:	63.	15.	0
1781	County Assessment	50 acres	valuation:	1.	13.	4
1782	Federal Supply Tax	50 acres (non-residenters, uncultivated land)	tax:	1.	2.	11

Jonathan Benjamin:

1778-80	State Tax		valuation:	56.	13.	0
1781	County Assessment	50 acres	valuation:	1.	13.	4
1782	Federal Supply Tax	600 acres	tax:	13.	12.	11
1783	Federal Supply Tax	600 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow	tax:	10.	2.	4
1784	Federal Supply Tax	600 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow	tax:	11.	7.	11
1785	Federal Supply Tax	200 acres, 2 horses, 3 cows	tax:	1.	0.	1
1786	State Tax	135 acres, 3 horses, 2 cows	tax:		13.	9
1787	State Tax	2 horses, 1 cow	tax:			6

David Benjamin:

1778-80	State Tax		valuation:	127.	10.	0
1781	County Assessment	100 acres	valuation:	3.	6.	8
1782	Federal Supply Tax	100 acres (non-residenters, uncultivated land)	tax:	2.	5.	10

Elizabeth Benjamin:

1785	Federal Supply Tax		tax:			4
1786	State Tax	1 horse, 1 cow	tax:			9
1787	State Tax	2 horses, 2 cows				7

¹ See *Pennsylvania Archives*, 3rd Series, Vol. 19, pp. 435, 469, 520, 535, 560, 623, 705, and 781.

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SECTION II



FAMILY RECORDS

HANNAH FORD BENJAMIN'S BIBLE

Births, Marriages, and Deaths as Recorded in the Bible ¹ of Hannah Ford Benjamin:

— Births —

Benjamin:

Arestine P.	4-13-1843
Cordelia A.	9-12-1830
Dorinza E.	12-18-1823
Edson V.	1-29-1863
Emma A.	8-5-1872
Jonathan	10-14-1739 ²
Jonathan	10-11-1797
J(onathan) F(elix)	10-3-1838
Mary	3-22-1777
Roland E.	10-16-1868
S(ylvanus) R(ufus)	2-20-1819
Syntha A.	3-2-1828
William R.	10-4-1866

Brown:

Margaret	1-25-1742
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Ford:

Benjamin	7-19-1809
Cynthia	10-20-1806
Drusilla	4-11-1817
Florilla	9-20-1804
Hannah	12-22-1798
Jane	10-19-1811
Margaret	5-17-1800
Mary	1-15-1814
Phineas	11-1-1772
Thomas	8-1-1802

Hatch:

Benton L.	6-4-1869
Charles E.	4-2-1867
James P.	1-6-1845
Jasper L.	7-19-1879
Orletta M.	5-17-1887
Roenia L.	4-14-1882
William A.	1-10-1881

Hopkins:

George	2-8-1845
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— Births —

Marple:

Hannah E.	12-3-1842
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Scuman:

Elias	4-8-1842
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— Marriages —

Jonathan Benjamin and Margaret Brown	3-10-1760
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Mary Benjamin and Phineas Ford	4-5-1797
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— Deaths —

Benjamin:

Arestine	12-3-1914
Cynthia A.	?-20-1829
Jonathan	8-26-1841
Jonathan	9-3-1876
Mary	10-15-1863

Brown:

Margaret	1-12-1836 ³
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Ford:

Hannah	1-15-1891
Phineas	4-7-1839

Hatch:

Charles	3-23-1937
James P.	11-8-1932

¹ Printed by H. & E. Phinney, Cooperstown, (N.Y.), 1837. Now owned by Orletta Hatch Foreman.

² Jonathan Benjamin's tombstone indicates that he was born one year earlier, on Oct. 14, 1738.

³ Margaret Brown's tombstone indicates that she died on Jan. 17, 1837, just short of age 95.

SECTION III



GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

INSCRIPTIONS

Old Colony Burying Ground, Granville, Ohio:

- Benjamin — Jonathan, d. Aug. 26, 1841, ae. 102 y. 10 m. 12 d.
Margaret, d. Jan. 17, 1837, ae. 95 y.
Benoni, d. July 19, 1829, ae. 58 y.
Elizabeth, wife of David, d. March 10, 1835, ae. 101 y.
David, d. July 17, 1834, ae. 67 y.
Cynthia A., dau. of Jonathan & Hannah, d. July 20, 1830, ae. 18 m.
Syntha Adaline, dau. of Jonathan & Hannah, d. July 20, 1829, ae. 1 y. 4 m. 18 d.
- Black — John, d. Sept. 19, 1827, ae. 47 y.
- Ford — Phineas, d. April 7, 1839, ae. 64 y. 5 m. 7 d.
Mary, wife of Phineas, d. Oct. 15, 1863, ae. 86 y. 6 m. 23 d.
Thomas, d. July 26, 1827, ae. 3 m. 13 d.
Mary Jane, d. Nov. 6, 1837, ae. 5 y. 3 m. 22 d.
- Jones — Lilly, d. Oct. 22, 1802, ae. 28 y. 3 m. 13 d.

Maple Grove Cemetery, Granville, Ohio:

- Benjamin — Margaret, d. Feb. 13, 1882, ae. 73 y. 10 m. 5 d.
- Ford — Benjamin, b. July 20, 1810, d. March 28, 1891.
Pricilla, b. May 14, 1810, d. July 29, 1881.
- Geach — Rebecca, wife of Peter, d. Aug. 31, 1870, ae. 69 y. 4 m. 23 d.

Wittemberg Cemetery, near Newton, Iowa:

- Benjamin — Jonathan, d. Sept. 3, 1876, ae. 76 y. 10 m. 22 d.
Hannah, wife of Jonathan, d. Jan. 15, 1891, ae. 92 y. 24 d.
Infant, son of J.F & H.E., d. July 25, 1873.
- Chollett — Charles, b. Jan. 14, 1878, d. July 13, 1912.
Maurice, b. 1908, d. 1917.
- Hatch — James P., b. 1845, d. 1932.
Arestine P., b. 1843, d. 1914.
Charles E., b. 1867, d. 1937.

Edgar Cemetery, Paris, Illinois:

- Jones — Ephraim B., b. March 21, 1800, d. Dec. 18, 1876.
Martha Clark, b. Feb. 25, 1806, d. Sep. 19, 1875.
- Young — Martha Jones, b. Sept. 2, 1840, d. Feb. 4, 1883.

Hewitt Cemetery, near Galesburg, Iowa:

Black — Jemima, mother of J.B., d. May 24, 1881, ae. 97 y. 7 m. 29 d.
J.B., d. June 6, 1881, ae. 62 y. 8 m. 25 d.
Rosa M., dau. of J.B. & D., d. July 10, 1883, ae. 23 y. 5 m. 30 d.

Union Cemetery, Newton, Iowa:

Benjamin — S.R., b. Feb. 20, 1821, d. July 30, 1892.
Sarah A., b. 1822, d. 1911.
John E., b. 1848, d. 1900.
Louise M., b. 1850, d. 1929.

Clutter — Frances Benjamin, b. June 4, 1843, d. March 5, 1899.

Kilduff — Wilbert, b. 1903, d. 1909.

Lambert — Reuben K., b. 1839, d. 1918.
Cynthia A., b. 1841, d. 1925.
William R., b. 1860, d. 1939.
Sarah A., b. 1861, d. 1913.
Everett W., b. 1887, d. 1910.

McMurray — Fred A., b. 1850, d. 1929.
H. Melissa, b. 1854, d. 1932.

Elmwood Cemetery, Elmwood, Illinois:

Beck — Daniel, b. Nov. 18, 1842, d. May 4, 1915.
Barbara A., b. Oct. 24, 1846, d. Jan. 11, 1931.
Harry D., son of D.M. & B.A., d. July 23, 1874, ae. 1 y. 11 d.
Infant, son of D.M. & B.A., d. Nov. 29, 1875.
Herman, son of D.M. & B.A., d. Aug. 5, 1878, ae. 4 m. 15 d.

Colvin — Lura Dalton, wife of Ora, d. June 9, 1895, ae. 23 y. 4 m. 15 d.

Dalton — Cicero, b. April 2, 1840, d. July 18, 1926.
Clarinda Delitia, b. Sept. 3, 1844, d. Aug. 28, 1908.

Dixon — George P., d. Oct. 12, 1854, ae. 32 y. 3 m. 24 d.

Ford — Lorenzo D., b. May 5, 1836.
Harriett F., his wife, b. Sept. 3, 1842, d. March 15, 1900.

Harkness — Mabelle R., wife of Charles W., b. May 11, 1862, d. July 29, 1900.

Ryan — William D., b. Aug. 13, 1827, d. May 22, 1892.
Dorinza E., wife of William D., b. Dec. 18, 1823, d. Feb. 17, 1903.

Brimfield Cemetery, Brimfield, Illinois:

Ford — Thomas, b. Aug. 1, 1802, d. Jan. 2, 1883.
Catherine Martin, b. Oct. 4, 1802, d. Aug. 4, 1893.
Elizabeth Ann, b. June 12, 1828, d. Jan. 7, 1854.
Jacob Wesley, b. Aug. 29, 1839, d. June 8, 1909.
Phineas R., d. Oct. 30, 1892, ae. 66 y. 8 m. 4 d.
Mahala M., wife of P.R., d. Sept. 28, 1879, ae. 50 y. 1 m. 28 d.

Yates City Cemetery, Yates City, Illinois:

Ford — Benjamin J., b. 1834, d. 1902.

SECTION IV



DESCENDANTS

JONATHAN BENJAMIN'S DESCENDANTS

1. JONATHAN BENJAMIN,* born Oct. 14, 1739 in New York or New Jersey. Married Mar. 10, 1760, probably in Orange Co., N.Y., Margaret Brown, born Jan. 25, 1742. Settled Lycoming Co., Pa. before 1773. Served 4 years in Revolutionary War from Lycoming Co. Settled Licking Co., Ohio, 1802. Died Aug. 26, 1841. Wife died Jan. 17, 1837. Children:
 - i. BENONI BENJAMIN, born 1771. Settled Licking Co., Ohio, 1801. Married? Died July 19, 1829.
 2. ii. LILLY BENJAMIN, born July 9, 1774.
 - iii. — BENJAMIN. Married Frederick Ford. Settled near Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio, 1801?
 3. iv. MARY BENJAMIN, born Mar. 22, 1777.
 4. v. JEMIMA BENJAMIN, born Sept. 26, 1783.
 - vi. JANE BENJAMIN. Married Mar. 8, 1810, Licking Co., Ohio, Isaac Ingman.
2. LILLY BENJAMIN, born July 9, 1774, Lycoming Co., Pa. Married 1794, John Jones. Settled Licking Co., Ohio, 1801. Died Oct. 22, 1802. Husband died Oct. 1851. Children:
 - i. MARGARET JONES, born 1796. Married 1816, Stephen Atkinson. Died Aug. 23, 1824, Monroe Co., Ohio.
 - ii. PHOEBE JONES, born 1798. Married — — Coleman.
 5. iii. EPHRAIM B. JONES, born Mar. 21, 1800.
 - iv. JOHN JONES, born Oct. 1, 1802, Licking Co., Ohio. Died age 23 in West Virginia? Unmarried.
3. MARY BENJAMIN, born Mar. 22, 1777, Lycoming Co., Pa. Married Apr. 5, 1798, Washington Co., Ohio, Phineas Ford, born Nov. 1, 1772. Settled Licking Co., Ohio, 1801. Died Oct. 15, 1863. Husband died Apr. 7, 1839. Children:
 6. i. HANNAH FORD, born Dec. 22, 1798.
 - ii. MARGARET FORD, born May 17, 1800. Married — — Ingraham. Settled near Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.?
 7. iii. THOMAS FORD, born Aug. 1, 1802.
 - iv. FLORILLA FORD, born Sept. 20, 1804.
 - v. CYNTHIA ANN FORD, born Oct. 20, 1806.
 8. vi. BENJAMIN FORD, born July 19, 1809.
 - vii. JANE FORD, born Oct. 19, 1811.
 9. viii. MARY FORD, born Jan. 15, 1814.
 - ix. DRUCILLA FORD, born Apr. 11, 1817, Licking Co., Ohio. Married — — Jakeway. Lived in Newark, Ohio.
4. JEMIMA BENJAMIN, born Sept. 25, 1783, Lycoming Co., Pa. Married 1807, Licking Co., Ohio, John Black, born 1780. Died May 24, 1881, Jasper Co., Iowa. Husband died Sept. 19, 1827, Licking Co., Ohio. Children:
 - i. JAMES BLACK, born Dec. 25, 1808, Licking Co., Ohio. Married. Died Dec. 9, 1849, Havana, Mason Co., Ill. Children: Martha, Cynthia, Melissa, James, John, Amos, and others?

* Parents' name unknown.

- ii. JOHN BLACK. Married? Died young in Crawford Co., Ill.?
- 10. iii. BENONI B. BLACK, born Sept. 5, 1815.
- 11. iv. JONATHAN B. BLACK, born Sept. 13, 1818.
- v. LILLIE BLACK. Married Benjamin Hancock. Died in Kansas?
Children: Hiram, Cidney, Orlena, George, Sarah Elizabeth, and others?
 - vi. MARY BLACK. Married Thomas Ingraham. Died in Kansas?
Children: Benton, Jefferson, Wilson, Lillie, Orlena, James, Owen, Sarah Ann, Ellen, Mary, and five others?
- 5. EPHRAIM B. JONES, born Mar. 21, 1800. Married Mar. 13, 1827, Athens Co., Ohio, Martha Clark, born Feb. 25, 1806. Settled near Paris, Edgar Co., Ill. Died Dec. 18, 1876. Wife died Sept. 19, 1875. Child:
 - i. MARTHA JONES, born Sept. 2, 1840. Married — — Young. Died Feb. 4, 1883, Edgar Co., Ill.
- 6. HANNAH FORD, born Dec. 22, 1798 near Marietta, Ohio, probably on Virginia side of the Ohio River. Married 1820?, Licking Co., Ohio, Jonathan Benjamin,* born Oct. 11, 1797. Settled near Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, 1867. Died Jan. 15, 1891. Husband died Sept. 3, 1876. Children:
 - 12. i. SYLVANUS RUFUS BENJAMIN, born Feb. 20, 1821.
 - 13. ii. DERINZA EMALINE BENJAMIN, born Dec. 18, 1823.
 - iii. SYNTHA ADALINE BENJAMIN, born Mar. 2, 1828. Died July 20, 1829.
 - 14. iv. CORDELIA ADALINE BENJAMIN, born Sept. 12, 1830.
 - 15. v. JONATHAN FELIX BENJAMIN, born Oct. 3, 1838.
 - 16. vi. ARESTINE PRICILLA BENJAMIN, born Apr. 13, 1843.
- 7. THOMAS FORD, born Aug. 1, 1802, Licking Co., Ohio. Married June 3, 1824, Licking Co., Catherine Martin, born Oct. 4, 1802. Settled Elba Township, Knox Co., Ill., 1851. Died Jan. 2, 1883. Wife died Aug. 4, 1893. Children:
 - 17. i. PHINEAS R. FORD, born Feb. 27, 1826.
 - ii. THOMAS J. FORD, born Apr. 15, 1827. Died July 26, 1827.
 - iii. ELIZABETH ANN FORD, born June 12, 1828. Died Jan. 7, 1854, Knox Co., Ill. Unmarried.
 - iv. CHARLES LUCIUS FORD. Married. Settled Colorado. Died June 12, 1902.
Children: Mary, Addie, and Oscar.
 - v. MARY JANE FORD, born July 16, 1832. Died Nov. 6, 1837.
 - 18. vi. BENJAMIN J. FORD, born Nov. 3, 1834.
 - 19. vii. LORENZO D. FORD, born May 5, 1836.
 - viii. JACOB WESLEY FORD, born Aug. 29, 1839. Died June 8, 1909, Knox Co., Ill. Unmarried.
 - ix. CYNTHIA CATHERINE FORD, born Feb. 21, 1847. Married Charles Erickson. Died Aug. 5, 1912, Knox Co., Ill. No children.

* Hannah's husband was a son of Jonathan¹ Benjamin's nephew, David Benjamin, Jr.
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8. BENJAMIN FORD, born July 19, 1809, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Pricilla — —, born May 14, 1810. Died Mar. 28, 1891, Licking Co. Wife died July 29, 1881. Children:
 - i. VILOTTA MARGARET FORD, born Feb. 2, 1843, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Sept. 22, 1874, Licking Co., Russell Kyle. Died Sept. 29, 1908, Licking Co. No children.
 - ii. MARY FORD. Married Charles Vadigan. Lived in Newark, Ohio. No children.
 - iii. FELIX B. FORD. Married. Lived in Newark, Ohio. No children.
 - iv. R.P. FORD. Married. Lived in Zanesville, Ohio. Several children.

9. MARY FORD, born Jan. 15, 1814, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Feb. 4, 1841, Licking Co., Leonard P. Hopkins. Died May 20, 1895?, Licking Co., Ohio. Children:
 - i. RUFUS HOPKINS.
 - ii. LEWIS A. HOPKINS.
 - iii. GEORGE M. HOPKINS, born Feb. 8, 1845, Licking Co., Ohio. Married. Lived in Columbus, Ohio. Children: George, Jr., Mamie, and others?
 - iv. EBENEZER W. HOPKINS.
 - v. BENJAMIN F. HOPKINS. Lived in Columbus, Ohio. Unmarried.
 - vi. MARY HOPKINS. Married Charles Anderson. Lived in Kylesburg, Ohio.
 - vii. ELIZABETH HOPKINS. Married J.E. Slate. Lived in Newark, Ohio. Children: Benjamin and others.

10. BENONI B. BLACK, born Sept. 5, 1815, Licking Co., Ohio. Married 1st, Licking Co., Eleanor Crowe. Children:
 - i. GEORGE WASHINGTON BLACK, born 1841, Licking Co., Ohio, Married 1st, Josephine Webb. Married 2nd, Anna Hopewood, born 1841. Died Dec. 13, 1910, Ft. Meade, Fla. Wife Anna died 1911. Child: Marrione married John Rattrey?
 - ii. JONATHAN MONROE BLACK, born Dec. 16, 1842, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Lydia Myers. Died Jan. 5, 1875 in Iowa. Children: Oliver and others.
 - iii. SAMUEL OLIVER BLACK. Married Mary — —. Died 1887, Kansas City, Mo.? Children: William, born 1864; John S., born 1869; and others?

Married 2nd, Aug. 9, 1849, Licking Co., Ohio, Mary Ann Dodge. Died Mar. 18, 1861 in Kansas? Wife died 1878. Children:

 - iv. JAMES W. BLACK, born Aug. 30, 1850, Licking Co., Ohio. Died Jan. 7, 1883, Grand Rapids, Mich. Unmarried.
 20. v. MARY ELLEN BLACK, born Dec. 11, 1857.

11. JONATHAN B. BLACK, born Sept. 13, 1818, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Sept. 17, 1847, Licking Co., Deborah Van Dorn, born 1826? Settled near Galesburg, Jasper Co., Iowa.

Died June 6, 1881. Wife died 1900? Children:

- i. OWEN BLACK. Died age 5 years in Illinois.
 - 21. ii. CIDNEY BLACK, born Apr. 2, 1853.
 - 22. iii. LOUISE ELLEN BLACK, born July 11, 1854.
 - iv. IDA BLACK, born July 11, 1858?, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Charles Saunders. Died 1916?, Jasper Co. Husband died 1915?
Child: Howard, born 1887?
 - v. ROSA W. BLACK, born Feb. 11, 1860. Died July 10, 1883, Jasper Co., Iowa. Unmarried.
12. SYLVANUS RUFUS BENJAMIN, born Feb. 20, 1821, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Mar. 26, 1840, Licking Co., Sarah Ann Palmer, born Feb. 3, 1822. Settled near Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, 1867. Died July 30, 1892. Wife died Apr. 13, 1911. Children:
- 23. i. CYNTHIA ADELINE BENJAMIN, born Mar. 19, 1841.
 - 24. ii. FRANCES DRUCILLA BENJAMIN, born June 4, 1843.
 - 25. iii. JONATHAN ELLIOTT BENJAMIN, born Aug. 19, 1848.
 - 26. iv. HANNAH MELISSA BENJAMIN, born Aug. 3, 1854.
13. DERINZA EMALINE BENJAMIN, born Dec. 18, 1823, Licking Co., Ohio. Married 1st, Licking Co., George P. Dixon, born June 19, 1822. Settled near Elmwood, Peoria Co., Ill., 1851. Husband George died Oct. 12, 1854. Children:
- 27. i. CLARINDA DELITIA DIXON, born Sept. 3, 1844.
 - 28. ii. BARBARA ADELINE DIXON, born Oct. 24, 1846.
 - iii. FELINZA DIXON. Married James Givens. Settled Ratoon, New Mexico. No children.
- Married 2nd, William D. Ryan, born Aug. 13, 1827. Died Feb. 17, 1903, Peoria Co., Ill. Husband William died May 22, 1892. Children:
- iv. ROSALIND RYAN. Married George Longshore. Lived in Des Moines, Iowa. Child: Elizabeth, died age 18 years.
 - v. MABELLE RYAN, born May 11, 1862. Married Charles Harkness. Died July 29, 1900, Peoria Co., Ill. No children.
14. CORDELIA ADELINE BENJAMIN, born Sept. 12, 1830, Licking Co., Ohio. Married William Dixon. Settled near Ely, Oregon. Child:
- i. ELMER DIXON. Married. Lived near Ely, Oregon. No children.
15. JONATHAN FELIX BENJAMIN, born Oct. 3, 1838, Licking Co., Ohio. Married, Licking Co., Hannah Elizabeth Marple, born Dec. 3, 1842. Settled near Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, 1867. Died Mar., 1913, Jasper Co. Wife died Mar., 1900. Children:
- i. EDSON V. BENJAMIN, born Jan. 29, 1863, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Jennie Clark. Died Mar. 15, 1900, Dells, Oregon? No children.

- ii. WILLIAM R. BENJAMIN, born Oct. 4, 1866, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married 1st, Oct. 15, 1896, Elizabeth Doty. Wife died Apr., 1900. Married 2nd? Lives in Reading, Pa. Several children.
 - iii. ROLAND E. BENJAMIN, born Oct. 16, 1868, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Sadie Fisher. Lives in St. Paul, Minn. Children: Viola, Everett, and Don?
- 29. iv. EMMA A. BENJAMIN, born Aug. 5, 1872.
 - v. Infant, died July 25, 1873.
 - vi. ORLIN BENJAMIN. Married Victoria Wearmouth. Died Dec. 31, 1938 in Ill.? Children: Cecil and two others?
- 16. ARESTINE PRICILLA BENJAMIN, born Apr. 13, 1843, Licking Co., Ohio. Married, Licking Co., James P. Hatch, born Jan. 6, 1845. Settled near Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, 1867. Died Dec. 3, 1914. Husband died Nov. 8, 1932. Children:
 - i. CHARLES E. HATCH, born Apr. 2, 1867. Died Mar. 23, 1937, Jasper Co., Iowa. Unmarried.
 - ii. BENTON L. HATCH, born June 4, 1869. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Unmarried.
- 30. iii. JASPER L. HATCH, born July 19, 1879.
 - iv. WILLIAM A. HATCH, born Jan. 10, 1881. Moved to Colorado.
- 31. v. ROENIA L. HATCH, born Apr. 14, 1882.
 - vi. ORLETTA M. HATCH, born May 17, 1887. Married Ernest A. Foreman. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Child: Helen.
- 17. PHINEAS R. FORD, born Feb. 27, 1826, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Mahala Moatz, born Aug. 1, 1829. Settled near Monica, Peoria Co., Ill. Died Oct. 30, 1892. Wife died Sept. 28, 1879. Children:
 - i. ELIZABETH FORD. Married — — Case. Lived in Goodland, Kansas. Children: John and others?
 - ii. EMMA FORD. Married — — Moatz. Lived in Larimore, Iowa.
 - iii. MELISSA FORD. Married — — Moss. Lived in Fontanelle, Iowa.
 - iv. JOSEPHINE FORD. Married — — Wallace. Lived in Indianola, Nebraska.
 - v. JANE FORD. Unmarried. Lived in Peoria, Ill.
 - vi. ALTA FORD. Married — — Maxwell. Lived in Peoria, Ill.
 - vii. MARILLA FORD. Married — — Warriner. Lived in California.
 - viii. CYNTHIA FORD. Married — McGee. Lived in Keokuk, Iowa.
- 18. BENJAMIN J. FORD, born Nov. 3, 1834, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Nov. 18, 1874, Yates City, Ill., Charlotte A. Hensley, born Oct. 31, 1850. Died Apr. 13, 1902, Knox Co., Ill. Wife died Oct. 15, 1934, Kansas City, Mo. Children:
 - 32. i. STELLA E. FORD, born Jan. 8, 1876.
 - 33. ii. LOIS E. FORD, born Nov. 9, 1879.
 - 34. iii. EARL L. FORD, born May 30, 1881.
 - 35. iv. NORMA MAUDE FORD, born Aug. 28, 1884.

- v. PAUL C. FORD, born Sep. 22, 1889, Peoria Co., Ill. Married Clara Dart Hughes. Lives in Kansas City, Mo. No children.
19. LORENZO D. FORD, born May 5, 1836, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Jan. 2, 1866, Harriett F. Burt, born Sep. 3, 1842. Died Jan. 14, 1910, Peoria Co., Ill. Wife died Mar. 15, 1900. Children:
- i. CHARLES FORD. Died age 1 year, Livingston Co., Ill.
 - 36. ii. FRANK L. FORD, born Jan. 3, 1869.
 - 37. iii. ELLA FORD.
 - iv. KATE FORD. Married Clarence Murnan.
 - v. GERTRUDE FORD, born Oct. 23, 1877. Died Aug. 6, 1907, Elmwood, Peoria Co., Ill. Unmarried.
20. MARY ELLEN BLACK, born Dec. 11, 1857, Mahaska Co., Iowa. Married Jan. 17, 1886, Holland, Michigan, Karl Ulrik Malin, born Nov. 26, 1857. Lives in Carrington, North Dakota. Husband died Sep. 24, 1917. Children:
- 38. i. LILLIE OLIVIA MALIN, born Dec. 31, 1886.
 - ii. ELLEN ELIZABETH MALIN, born Oct. 22, 1888. Lives in Duluth, Minn. Unmarried.
 - 39. iii. EVA MAY MALIN, born Oct. 27, 1890.
21. CIDNEY BLACK, born Apr. 2, 1853, Crawford or Knox Co., Ill. Married Nov. 4, 1872, Jasper Co., Iowa, Hiram Williams, born Sep. 28, 1851. Died Dec. 1, 1925, Jasper Co. Husband died Apr. 18, 1925. Children:
- i. GERTRUDE WILLIAMS, born Oct. 11, 1873, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Dec. 24, 1902, Jasper Co., Lewis Myers. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Children: Helen, Floyd, and Mabel.
 - ii. EDWARD WILLIAMS, born Aug. 30, 1875, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Blanch Wilson. Lives in Reasoner, Iowa. Children: Juanita, Laurence, and Wilma.
 - iii. CHARLES WILLIAMS, born 1877? Died 1886?
 - iv. BERT WILLIAMS, born 1879? Married Ida Beldon. Lives in Stuttgart, Ark. Children: Bert R. and Floyd.
 - v. FLORENCE WILLIAMS, born 1881? Married Fred Varner. Lives in Corydon, Iowa. Children: Mozelle and Eulah Mae.
 - vi. ARCH WILLIAMS, born Apr. 16, 1887. Married. Lives in Davenport, Iowa. Children: Clarence, Marjorie, Leota, and Harold.
 - vii. FRED WILLIAMS, born Oct. 24, 1889. Married Mae Swearingen. Lives in Dows, Iowa. Children: Marie and Emma.
 - viii. HAZEL WILLIAMS, born Aug. 10, 1893. Married Oct. 7, 1916, Jasper Co., Iowa, J.E. Waring. Lives in Reasoner, Iowa. Child: Darrel, born 1922.
22. LOUISE ELLEN BLACK, born July 11, 1854, Crawford or Knox Co., Ill. Married Feb. 21, 1884, Jasper Co., Iowa, Daniel Moore, born 1853. Lives in Reasoner, Iowa. Husband died May 15, 1915, Marshalltown, Iowa. Children:

- i. WALTER MOORE. Married Edith Jones. Lives in Chicago, Ill.
Children: Robert and Mary Ellen.
 - ii. ALTA MOORE. Married Clifford Simmons. Died Marshalltown, Iowa?
No children.
- 23. CYNTHIA ADELINE BENJAMIN, born Mar. 19, 1841, Licking Co., Ohio.
Married Feb. 23, 1860, Licking Co., Ohio, Reuben K. Lambert, born June 28, 1839.
Settled near Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, 1868. Died Aug. 27, 1925. Husband died Sept.
7, 1918. Children:
 - 40. i. WILLIAM R. LAMBERT, born Dec. 27, 1860.
 - 41. ii. ELLIOTT E. LAMBERT, born Jan. 8, 1863.
 - 42. iii. IDA BELLE LAMBERT, born Aug. 29, 1874.
- 24. FRANCIS DRUCILLA BENJAMIN, born June 4, 1843, Licking Co., Ohio.
Married Dec. 31, 1868, Jasper Co., Iowa, Emanuel Clutter, born Dec. 3, 1846.
Died Mar. 5, 1899, Jasper Co. Child:
 - i. RUFUS E. CLUTTER, born Mar. 4, 1874, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Martha
Small. Lived in Des Moines, Iowa. Children: Donald and one daughter?
- 25. JONATHAN ELLIOTT BENJAMIN, born Aug. 19, 1848, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Oct.
24, 1869, Muscatine, Iowa, Louisa Maria Boydston, born Feb. 20, 1850. Died May 19,
1900, Jasper Co., Iowa. Wife died Oct. 8, 1929. Children:
 - i. Bert R. Benjamin, born Dec. 17, 1870, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Nov. 26,
1903, Jasper Co., Wilhelmina L. Bergman, born Aug. 30, 1872. Lives in
Oak Park, Ill. No children.
 - 43. ii. ETTA MAE BENJAMIN, born Feb. 21, 1874.
 - 44. iii. ANNA BELLE BENJAMIN, born Nov. 5, 1876.
 - 45. iv. ELIZABETH LEONA BENJAMIN, born Aug. 11, 1884.
 - 46. v. ELSIE MYRTLE BENJAMIN, born Jan. 24, 1887.
- 26. HANNAH MELISSA BENJAMIN, born Aug. 3, 1854, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Sept. 18,
1873, Jasper Co., Iowa, Frederick A. McMurray, born Aug. 28, 1850. Died Nov. 9, 1932,
Newton, Iowa. Husband died Dec. 12, 1929. Children:
 - 47. i. WILLIAM E. McMURRAY, born June 15, 1874.
 - ii. HARRY J. McMURRAY, born July 28, 1876, Jasper Co., Iowa.
Married Oct. 24, 1906, Jasper Co., Emma Tripp, born Oct. 22, 1874.
Lives in Newton, Iowa. No children.
 - iii. ADDIE BELLE McMURRAY, born Apr. 12, 1879, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married
Sept. 16, 1903, Jasper Co., Forrest E. Gillespie, born Jan. 13, 1879. Lives
in Oak Park, Ill. No children.
 - iv. ROY McMURRAY, born May 14, 1884, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married 1911,
Jasper Co., Emma Hotger, born May 24, 1890. Lives in Newton, Iowa.
No children.
 - v. RAY McMURRAY, born Oct. 29, 1886, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married 1911, Jasper
Co., Elizabeth Blackwell, born Dec. 25, 1886. Lives in Newton, Iowa.
No children.

27. CLARINDA DELITIA DIXON, born Sept. 3, 1844, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Oct. 29, 1867, Cicero Dalton, born Apr. 2, 1840. Settled in Elba Township, Knox Co., Ill. Died Aug. 28, 1908, Elmwood, Ill. Husband died July 18, 1926. Children:
48. i. EDSON E. DALTON, born Aug. 19, 1869.
ii. LURA O. DALTON, born Jan. 25, 1872. Married Ora Colvin. Died June 9, 1895, Peoria Co., Ill. No children.
iii. ALTA M. DALTON, born 1878. Married Frank Threw. Lives near Elmwood, Peoria Co., Ill. Children: Dean, born 1901; Dale, born 1906.
iv. VIOLET R. DALTON, born 1884. Married Alva Terry. Deceased. Husband lives near Elmwood, Ill.? Children: Owen, married — — Bruner and lives near Yates City, Ill.; Marie, married Ralph McKowen and lives near Elmwood, Ill.
28. BARBARA ADELINE DIXON, born Oct. 24, 1846, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Daniel M. Beck, born Nov. 18, 1842. Settled near Elmwood, Peoria Co., Ill. Died Jan. 11, 1931. Husband died May 4, 1915. Children:
- i. HARRY D. BECK, born July 12, 1873. Died July 23, 1874.
ii. Infant, died Nov. 29, 1875.
iii. HERMAN BECK, born Apr. 23, 1878. Died Aug. 5, 1878.
29. EMMA A. BENJAMIN, born Aug. 5, 1872, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Nov. 28, 1893, Jasper Co., Herman B. Lufkin, born Aug. 1, 1871. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Child:
- i. PERCY R. LUFKIN, born June 9, 1895, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Nov. 28, 1916, Jasper Co., Florence Propp. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Children: Ann E., born Aug. 8, 1926, Dean B., born Jan. 28, 1933.
30. JASPER L. HATCH, born July 19, 1879, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Apr. 3, 1901, Jasper Co., May Smith, born Oct. 14, 1882. Lives in Mitchelville, Iowa. Wife died Sept. 20, 1926, Newton, Iowa. Children:
- i. ERMINE OLIVA HATCH, born Dec. 21, 1913, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married, Jasper Co., James Brown. Lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Child: Edwin, born Aug. 1942.
ii. LORIS IRENE HATCH, born Oct. 3, 1916, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married, Jasper Co., Frazier Thomason. Lives in Moorehead, Iowa. Children: Larry, David, and Marvin.
31. ROENIA L. HATCH, born Apr. 14, 1882, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Mar. 4, 1903, Jasper Co., Charles Chollett, born Jan. 14, 1878. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Husband died July 13, 1912, Newton, Iowa. Children:
- i. BERNICE IRENE CHOLLETT, born Aug. 15, 1904, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Aug. 29, 1925, Jasper Co., Floyd E. Roberts. Died July 28, 1938, Newton, Iowa.

- ii. BEULAH MAY CHOLLETT, born Nov. 8, 1905, Jasper Co., Iowa. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Unmarried.
 - iii. IMOGENE PRICILLA CHOLLETT, born Apr. 18, 1907, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Mar. 26, 1932, Jasper Co., William D. Wilding. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Child: Pricilla S., an adopted daughter.
 - iv. MAURICE JAMES CHOLLETT, born Aug. 2, 1908, Died Mar. 15, 1917, Jasper Co., Iowa.
- 32. STELLA E. FORD, born Jan. 8, 1876, Knox Co, Ill. Married, Kansas City, Mo., John C. Bovard, born Aug. 3, 1868. Lives in Kansas City, Mo. Husband died Apr. 19, 1931. Children:
 - i. EDITH LOUISE BOVARD, born June 3, 1894. Died Jan. 7, 1919. Unmarried.
 - ii. MARY C. BOVARD, born July 4, 1896. Married Mar. 20, 1920, Hugh P. Hartley, born May 29, 1898. Lives in Kansas City, Mo. Child: Philip B., born Nov. 13, 1925.
 - iii. JOSEPH C. BOVARD, born June 21, 1903. Married Feb. 12, 1925, Gladys E. Cliff, born Mar. 21, 1906. Lives in Kansas City, Mo. Children: Evelyn J., Jean E., John C., and Ronald.
 - iv. SPENCER D. BOVARD, born July 20, 1906. Married July 21, 1928, Mable Peck, born Nov. 10, 1905. Lives in Kansas City, Mo. Child: Janice.
- 33. LOIS E. FORD, born Nov. 9, 1879, Knox Co., Ill. Married Feb. 27, 1900, Yates City, Ill., Edwin Ekstrand, born July 6, 1876. Lives near Elmwood, Peoria Co., Ill. Children:
 - i. MARGARET L. EKSTRAND, born Oct. 31, 1905. Lives in Charleston, Ill. Unmarried.
 - ii. AGNES MARIE EKSTRAND, born Feb. 18, 1911. Lives in Elmwood, Ill. Unmarried.
- 34. EARL L. FORD, born May 30, 1881, Knox Co., Ill. Married Apr. 1, 1908, Kansas City, Mo., Leah Hurd. Died Dec. 7, 1926. Wife lives in Kansas City, Mo. Children:
 - i. LLOYD H. FORD.
 - ii. BERTA C. FORD.
 - iii. NORMA E. FORD.
- 35. NORMA MAUDE FORD, born Aug. 24, 1884, Elmwood, Peoria Co., Ill. Married Aug. 14, 1907, Kansas City, Mo., Oliver H. Maxwell, born June 21, 1871, Lives in Kansas City, Mo. Child:
 - i. THOMAS FORD MAXWELL, born July 16, 1909.
- 36. FRANK L. FORD, born Jan. 3, 1869, Livingston Co., Ill. Married Cora Turner. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Child:

- i. GLEN FORD. Married. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Child: Robert.
- 37. ELLA FORD. Married Henry Van Sickle. Lived near Elmwood, Ill.? Children:
 - i. LILLY VAN SICKLE. Lives in Elmwood, Ill. Unmarried.
 - ii. HARVEY VAN SICKLE. Married Edith Young. Lives in Elmwood, Ill. Children: Dean and Marilyn Jo.
 - iii. FRANCES VAN SICKLE. Married Clifford Wiabel. Lives in Elmwood, Ill. Children: Jean and Eloise.
- 38. LILLIE OLIVIA MALIN, born Dec. 31, 1886. Married June 30, 1915, Muskegon Heights, Mi., Warren Payette, born 1883. Lives in Olivet, Mich. Children:
 - i. ROBERT MALIN PAYETTE, born Oct. 7, 1918. Died Jan. 8, 1941.
 - ii. WILLIAM HAROLD PAYETTE, born Aug. 28, 1923.
 - iii. ELLEN PEARL PAYETTE, born Nov. 26, 1925.
- 39. EVA MAY MALIN, born Oct. 27, 1890. Married July 7, 1919, Milwaukee, Wi., Harry Chaffee. Lives in Carrington, North Dakota. Children:
 - i. FRANK N. CHAFFEE, born Jan. 10, 1921.
 - ii. WILLIAM K. CHAFFEE, born Apr. 19, 1930.
- 40. WILLIAM R. LAMBERT, born Dec. 27, 1860, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Mar. 18, 1882, Jasper Co., Iowa, Sarah A. Smith, born Mar. 18, 1861. Died Mar. 1, 1939, Newton, Iowa. Wife died May 8, 1913. Children:
 - i. JAY S. LAMBERT, born Apr. 16, 1883, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Apr. 16, 1914, Polk Co., Iowa, Neva R. Rayburn, born Oct. 2, 1883. Lives in Newton, Iowa. No children.
 - 49. ii. GUY M. LAMBERT, born Jan. 4, 1886.
 - iii. EVERETT W. LAMBERT, born Nov. 30, 1887. Died July 19, 1910. Unmarried.
- 41. ELLIOTT E. LAMBERT, born Jan. 8, 1863, Licking Co., Ohio. Married Jan. 6, 1886, Jasper Co., Iowa, Mary Elizabeth Boydston, born Apr. 7, 1864. Lives in Des Moines, Iowa. Wife died Aug. 2, 1936. Children:
 - 50. i. EARL B. LAMBERT, born Oct. 7, 1886.
 - ii. HAROLD R. LAMBERT, born June 1, 1891. Married. Lives in Los Angeles, Ca.
 - iii. ROBERT E. LAMBERT, born Aug. 27, 1893. Married. Lives in Los Angeles, Ca.
 - iv. MARJORIE B. LAMBERT, born Sep. 5, 1896. Married Dec. 12, 1928, New York City, William T. Lampe, born Mar. 5, 1902. Lives in Philadelphia, Pa. Child: William T., born July 15, 1932.
- 42. IDA BELLE LAMBERT, born Aug. 29, 1874, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Oct. 14, 1903, Jasper Co., Edward F. Besser, born Jan. 3, 1875. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Child:

- i. EDWARD L. BESSER, born Aug. 27, 1912, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Feb. 8, 1941, Kansas City, Kans., Martha Taylor, born Mar. 30, 1913. Lives in Iowa City, Iowa. Child: John Edward Besser, born May 15, 1942.
43. ETTA MAE BENJAMIN, born Feb. 21, 1874, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Oct. 4, 1899, Jasper Co., William C. Kilduff, born June 8, 1871. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Children:
- i. THOMAS WILBERT KILDUFF, born June 9, 1903. Died Mar. 26, 1909, Jasper Co., Iowa.
 - ii. ROBERT BENJAMIN KILDUFF, born Apr. 4, 1910, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Apr. 22, 1939, Chicago, Ill., Miriam L. Rigby, born Jan. 28, 1912. Lives in Chicago, Ill. No children.
44. ANNA BELLE BENJAMIN, born Nov. 5, 1876, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Dec. 7, 1901, Jasper Co., John T. Hume, born June 4, 1871. Lives in Gulfport, Miss. Children:
- i. JOHN BENJAMIN HUME, born Nov. 27, 1902, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Aug. 6, 1930, Chicago, Ill., Violet E. Young, born Mar. 10, 1906. Lives in Oak Lawn, Ill. Child: John Benjamin, born May 30, 1931.
 - ii. JAMES THEODORE HUME, born May 7, 1904, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Jan. 26, 1929, Chicago, Ill., Winifred M. Hayhurst, born Apr. 16, 1907. Lives in Oak Lawn, Ill. Children: Jean Esther, born Apr. 29, 1931, died Nov. 24, 1934; and Dorothy Janice, born Apr. 21, 1936.
45. ELIZABETH LEONA BENJAMIN, born Aug. 11, 1884, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Mar. 4, 1908, Jasper Co., David F. Wormley, born May 10, 1883. Lives near Newton, Iowa. Children:
- i. SAMUEL STEWART WORMLEY, born Mar. 22, 1909, Jasper Co., Iowa. Lives in Cicero, Ill. Unmarried.
 - ii. MAYBELLE JOSEPHINE WORMLEY, born Oct. 16, 1910, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Nov. 4, 1939, Swarthmore, Pa., Charles Yoder. Lives in Philadelphia, Pa. No children.
 - iii. JAMES DELBERT WORMLEY, born Nov. 9, 1912, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Katherine Brown. Lives in Moline, Ill. Children: David Neal, born Sep. 1, 1939; and Philip James, born Jan. 28, 1941.
 - iv. JOHN MORRIS WORMLEY, born Aug. 11, 1914, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Aug. 18, 1941, Claressa Dew, born July 12, 1916. Lives in Newton, Iowa.
 - v. RICHARD BENJAMIN WORMLEY, born Dec. 28, 1918, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Aug. 28, 1942, Jasper Co., Helen McClean, born Jan. 15, 1918. Lives near Newton, Iowa.
46. ELSIE MYRTLE BENJAMIN, born Jan. 24, 1887, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married June 21,

1911, Jasper Co., Iowa, Frank B. Kaufman, born Sep. 30, 1887. Lives in Evanston, Ill. Children:

- i. DAN ALBERT KAUFMAN, born July 11, 1912, LaSalle Co., Ill. Married June 25, 1938, Chicago, Ill., June Benedict, born 1915. Lives in Indianapolis, In. Children: Judith Ann, born Jan. 14, 1940; and Jack Curtis, born June 21, 1942.
- ii. JACK B. KAUFMAN, born May 16, 1916, LaSalle Co., Ill. Lives in Evanston, Ill. Unmarried.

47. WILLIAM E. McMURRAY, born June 15, 1874, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married June 6, 1899, Marshall Co., Iowa, Lynette Payne, born Oct. 26, 1879. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Children:

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- i. EDWARD McMURRAY, born Nov. 10, 1900.
 - ii. MAUDE McMURRAY, born Jan. 18, 1905, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Jan. 18, 1925, Jasper Co., Arthur J. Cook, born Apr. 20, 1903. Lives in Nevada, Iowa. Children: Mona Lynette, born Nov. 13, 1927; Joan Adela, born Jan. 20, 1932; David, born Dec. 10, 1934, died Dec. 22, 1934; Nancy Cora, born Feb. 1, 1941.
 - iii. HERBERT McMURRAY, born Nov. 17, 1911, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Jan. 25, 1936, Jasper Co., Helen M. Kenner, born Aug. 22, 1916. Lives in St. Louis, Mo. Children: Thomas David, born May 31, 1937; and Judith Ann, born Apr. 19, 1939.

48. EDSON E. DALTON, born Aug. 19, 1869, Knox Co., Ill. Married June 12, 1890, Jessie Schenck, born June 8, 1874. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Children:

- i. AMY DALTON, born Oct. 3, 1891, Peoria Co., Ill. Married, Peoria Co., Frank S. Slotter, born June 3, 1890. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Children: Richard L., born Dec. 31, 1915; and Leah Jane, born Apr. 16, 1926.
- ii. JEANETTE DALTON, born Aug. 12, 1898, Peoria Co., Ill. Married, Peoria Co., Leonard E. Fisher, born Feb. 4, 1895. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Children: Jean Edgar, born Apr. 23, 1918; and Eloise Jane, born Mar. 4, 1922.
- iii. MARGARET DALTON, born Sep. 20, 1900, Peoria Co., Ill. Married, Peoria Co., Karl A. Gillig, born Dec. 29, 1895. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Children: Pauline Ann, born Mar. 13, 1925; and Karl K., born Apr. 23, 1933.
- iv. LUCILLE DALTON, born June 7, 1910, Peoria Co., Ill. Married, Peoria Co., Gerald Coburn, born Aug. 2, 1908. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Child: Herbert, born Dec. 30, 1932.

49. GUY M. LAMBERT, born Jan. 4, 1886, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married July 27, 1910, Wapello Co., Iowa, Daisy Madeline Stauffer, born Sep. 15, 1889. Lives in Des Moines, Iowa. Children:

- i. MADELINE LOUISE LAMBERT, born Oct. 20, 1917, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Aug. 3, 1941, Polk Co., Iowa, Albert H. Zeigler.

- ii. SHIRLEY ANN LAMBERT, born Apr. 6, 1921, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married May 6, 1942, Polk Co., Iowa, William W. Walter.
 - iii. DAVID LEE LAMBERT, born Jan. 19, 1926.
 - iv. WILLIAM ANDRUS LAMBERT, born June 9, 1928.
50. EARL BOYDSTON LAMBERT, born Oct. 7, 1886, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married Oct. 18, 1911, Marshall Co., Iowa, Cynthia A. McCrary, born May 5, 1889. Lives in Clinton, Iowa. Children:
- i. CHARLOTTE EILEEN LAMBERT, born July 6, 1912, Marshalltown, Iowa. Married Nov. 4, 1933, Polk Co., Iowa, William T. Squibb, born Apr. 28, 1912. Children: Barbara Jean, born Aug. 18, 1934.
 - ii. MARY ELIZABETH LAMBERT, born Feb. 24, 1914, Hurlingen, Texas. Married, Polk Co., Iowa, Carl V. Card, born May 12, 1914. Children: Betty Jane, born Sep. 18, 1934; Carol Dionne, born Oct. 11, 1938; and Gerald Raymond, born June 13, 1940.
 - iii. MARTHA WHITTAKER LAMBERT, born Feb. 24, 1914, Hurlingen, Texas. Married Dec. 24, 1936, Polk Co., Iowa, William W. Latta, born June 13, 1913. Children: William W. Latta, born June 13, 1913. Children: William W., born May 5, 1938; and Earl L., born Apr. 17, 1940.
 - iv. EARL BOYDSTON LAMBERT, born Aug. 19, 1916, Floyd Co., Iowa. Married, Polk Co., Iowa, June Olive VanAken, born June 7, 1918. Children: Sharon Kay, born July 30, 1938; and Earl B., born July 26, 1942.
 - v. CYNTHIA ANN LAMBERT, born Apr. 25, 1925, Marshall Co., Iowa.
51. EDWARD McMURRAY, born Nov. 10, 1900, Jasper Co., Iowa. Married 1st, Nov. 25, 1921, Johnson Co., Iowa, Edith M. Roberts, born Oct. 10, 1898. Child:
- i. EDWARD McMURRAY, born Apr. 12, 1924, Jasper Co., Iowa.
- Married 2nd, Feb. 24, 1931, Tama Co. Iowa, Elna May Kenner, born Oct. 12, 1907. Lives in Newton, Iowa. Children:
- ii. PATRICIA McMURRAY, born Dec. 24, 1932.
 - iii. FREDERICK A. McMURRAY, born June 14, 1936.
 - iv. SANDRA LEE McMURRAY, born Dec. 21, 1942.



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